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SUBJECT: GENERAL TORRIJOS VISITS BELIZE

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF OFFICIAL GOB PRESS RELEASE WHICH APPEARED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MAY 11 ISSUE OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER BELIZE TIMES CONCERNING THE WEEKEND VISIT TO BELIZE OF PANAMANIAN PRESIDENT GENERAL OMAR TORRIJOS:

"DURING HIS VISIT TO BELIZE ON 7 AND 8 MAY 1977, GENERAL OMAR TORRIJOS, HEAD OF GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA, STOPPED OFF IN BELIZE ON HIS RETURN FROM A MEETINO IN CANCUN WITH THE PRESIDENT OF MEXICO AND HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PREMIER AND MINISTERS OF GOVERNMENT.

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"2. GENERAL TORRIJOS AGREED (1) THAT PANAMA WILL BUY ONE THOUSAND OR MORE TONS OF BELIZE'S EXCESS CORN PRODUCTION; (2) THAT HE WOULD AID IN OBTAINING FUNDS NEEDED TO COMPLETE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEW SEA PORT, THE COST OF WHICH HAS ALMOST DOUBLED DUE TO INFLATION AND A DESIGN SUITABLE TO THE GROWING ECONOMY. (THE CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK HAS AGREED TO LEND ELEVEN MILLION US DOLLARS BUT THE PROJECT IS ESTIMATED

TO COST TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS); AND (3) THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO BELIZE'S BANANA INDUSTRY.

"3. THE GENERAL AND THE PREMIER DISCUSSED THE INTERNATIONAL EFFORT TO WIN THE INDEPENDENCE OF BELIZE. IT WAS RECOGNIZED THAT THE SUPPORT OF ALL THE COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD FOR BELIZEAN INDEPENDENCE REMAINED A VITAL OBJECTIVE. IT WAS ACKNOWLEDGED THE ROLE OF SOME LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES HAS NOT BEEN AS POSITIVE AS IT SHOULD BE IN PROMOTING THE JUST ASPIRATIONS OF BELIZEANS FOR INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.

"4. THE GENERAL AND THE PREMIER THEREFORE CALLED ON VENEZUELA, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA AND BOLIVIA TO PLAY A LEADING PART IN THE STRUGGLE TO ACHIEVE THE INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF BELIZE."

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